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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of**

Takahiro Tanioka

**Serial No.:** 09/854,556

**Group Art Unit:** 3621

**Filed:** May 15, 2001

**Examiner:** Firmin Backer

**For:** DISTRIBUTED PROCESSING SYSTEM, METHOD OF THE SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2004. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed simultaneously herewith. The extension fee in the amount of \$1,020.00 is included in the total fee for filing the Request for Continued Examination for the above-identified application, a check for which accompanies this submission. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,

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